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Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 April 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 48th and 51st meetings, on 25 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.48 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 4 April 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/58/788);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/806).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.84

4. At the 51st meeting, on 3 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire" (A/C.5/58/L.84), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Guatemala.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.84 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004, by which the Council established the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for an initial period of twelve months as from 4 April 2004,

Recognizing that the costs of the Operation are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Operation with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

3. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

4. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

5. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Operation;

[1] A/58/788

[2] A/58/806

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the organizational and management structures of the Operation and, in this regard, to pay particular attention to the level and functions of the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General positions and provide detailed information thereon in the next budget submission;

8. *Takes note* of paragraphs 26 to 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the functions assigned to the Deputy Special Representatives of the Secretary-General are performed consistent with the mandate of the Operation, until such time as the General Assembly is able to take a decision on the revised organizational structure;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Operation is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Operation against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Operation;

Budget estimates for the period from 4 April to 31 December 2004

11. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Operation;

12. *Decides* to appropriate to the special account for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire the amount of 96,368,100 United States dollars for the period from 4 April to 30 June 2004 for the establishment of the Operation, inclusive of the amount of 49,943,300 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

13. *Decides also* to appropriate to the special account for the Operation the amount of 211,101,400 dollars, inclusive of 200,646,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Operation for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2004, 8,547,300 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,907,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;

Financing of the appropriation

14. *Decides further* to apportion among Member States the amount of 96,368,100 dollars for the Operation for the period from 4 April to 30 June 2004, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

15. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among

Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 766,900 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 4 April to 30 June 2004;

16. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 200,646,600 dollars for the Operation for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2004, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 14 above;

17. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,588,000 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Operation for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2004;

18. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 8,547,300 dollars for the support account and the amount of 1,907,500 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 14 above and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B;

19. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provision of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,354,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, comprising the prorated share of 1,247,300 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 107,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

20. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

21. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Operation;

22. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Operation in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire".